

except North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), and up to 700 ft. (213 m) directly above and at slant range in fixed- and rotary-winged aircraft, and 500 ft. (152 m) directly above and 350 ft (107 m) slant range using an aerostat (blimp) for right whales. The permit holder requested an amendment to the permit to allow approaching North Atlantic right whales up to 100 ft. (31 m) in a variety of small vessels, including kayaks, for the purpose of photo-identification.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1022-1659

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Doyle A. Hanan, Ph.D., P.O. Box 8914, Rancho Santa Fe, California 92067, has applied in due form for a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 31, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and

Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to test the hypothesis that relatively few local California sea lions break through bait receiver walls and damage bait fish at various California harbors. To test this, the applicant proposes to radio tag and track sea lions that exhibit territorial behavior near bait receivers and document interaction patterns at bait receivers. The results of this study will help institute measures to eliminate intentional or accidental feeding of sea lions at selected bait receivers.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072600B]

#### Marine Mammals; File Application No. 1004-1656

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Funtime, Inc. d/b/a Six Flags Worlds of Adventure, 1060 North Aurora Road, Aurora, OH 44202, has applied in due form for a permit to import two killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) for the purposes of public display.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 31, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA, 01930-2298 (978/281-9116).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular permit request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject application for Permit No. 1004-1656-00 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to import two killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), one adult female from Marineland S.A., Antibes, France and one adult male from Mundo Marino, Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Funtime, Inc. d/b/a Six Flags Worlds of Adventure in Aurora, Ohio. The applicant requests these imports for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility, Six Flags Worlds of Adventure, 1060 North